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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
EXPEDITED PROCESSING**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Appln. No. : 09/684,383  
Applicant : Gertrud HOETTEN  
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Customer No. : 6449

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Dear Sir:

*INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS*

In response to the Office Action mailed 14 March 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

*Amendments to the Claims* are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Material added has been indicated by underlining (underlining) and material deleted has been indicated by strikethrough (~~strikethrough~~).

*Remarks* begin on page 8 of this paper.